GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting Minutes February 24, 2021 County Courthouse Bessemer, MI 49911 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Lorenson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. **ROLL CALL**:

Present: (7) Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns Bonovetz, Lorenson

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (February 10, 2021 meeting minutes)
A motion was made by Mr. Orlich, supported by Mr. Bonovetz, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with additions as presented by Chairman Lorenson.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS (5-minute limit)

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

- Personnel & Negotiations Committee/Committee of the Whole 1/27/21
 - A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve report and placed on file
- 2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 1/27/21 A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the report and place it on file
- 3. Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee, 2/21/21
 - A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila to support the educational scholarships as presented. A unanimous voice vote confirmed the motion.
- 4. Process for Filling Vacancies on Gogebic County Related Organizations for which the Board of Commissioners has Appointing Authority A new process was considered and adjusted to supercede all previous appointment policies. A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs

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and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the policy with revisions that will be noted in the final draft

4b Non-precedented sick leave payout for Ramona Collins A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, supported by Mr. Bonovetz
and roll call was taken

ROLL CALL:

Yes: (6) Peterson, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Lorenson Bonovetz, Lorenson

No: (1) Siirila

Motion carried

4c Re-organization of Staff/Reallocation of Resources within the Courts

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Siirila and carried by a unanimous vote to approve the courts' reorganization plan

5. Lisa Hewitt - Gogebic County Treasurer - Proposed Cash Management Policy and Unclaimed Property Escheatment A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Siirila to approve the policy as presented. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila Lorenson

No: (0)
Motion carried

APPEARANCES:

There were none

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Menominee County Resolution regarding Covid-19

Conversation took place opposing unilateral orders by the Governor. It was agreed that Chairman Lorenson will draft a letter of opposition with direct regard to border counties.

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Siirila and agreed by unanimous vote to receive the communication and place it on file

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TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the report as presented.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the report as presented.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-paids and make them a part of the minutes.

Roll Call:

YES: (7) Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Lorenson

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Chairman Lorenson noted that he has spoken with the Western UP Health Department and they acknowledged that distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine has improved.

Mr. Bonovetz added that MAC is also supporting rural regional openings regarding Covid-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk